From: "Carey, Curtis" </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=4CB6F75253154BFC8AA889F8A36596ED-CAREY, CURT>

To: <u>Brooks</u>

"Karl; Slugantz"

Lynn

CC:

Date: 7/22/2014 1:18:10 PM

Subject: FW: WLL
Attachments: 14-000-6034.pdf

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Karl,

The original letter from the delegation is signed February 28, 2014. See attached for their letter (.pdf) and our response (.doc).

----Original Message-----From: Brooks, Karl

Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 1:57 PM To: Carey, Curtis; Slugantz, Lynn

Subject: Re: WLL

No: very first letter about CoE. Tx

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From: Carey, Curtis

Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 2:55:40 PM To: Brooks, Karl; Slugantz, Lynn

Subject: RE: WLL

Q: When R7 got delegation letter pushing use of COE? A: LaTonya received via email on Thursday, July 17, 2014

----Original Message-----From: Brooks, Karl

Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 9:53 AM To: Carey, Curtis; Slugantz, Lynn

Subject: WLL

For congl mtgs:

Did R7 send LaTonya email to members' offices or brief by phone? Wasn't clear how that info went.

Send me answers to:

When R7 contacted COE?
When first IGA signed?
When in person mtgs began w COE for IB alignment?

# Sanders, LaTonya

From:

Bond, Patrick (McCaskill) [Patrick\_Bond@mccaskill.senate.gov] Friday, February 28, 2014 2:42 PM Sanders, LaTonya; Distefano, Nichole Delegation Letter RE: Westlake

Sent: To:

Subject:

Attachments:

02.28.14 Westlake Letter to EPA Region 7.pdf

Attached is a letter that went into the mail today to Karl Brooks RE: the Westlake site.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Pat

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 28, 2014

Karl Brooks Region 7 Administrator **Environmental Protection Agency** 11201 Renner Blvd. Lenexa, KS 66219

#### Dear Administrator Brooks:

As you know, the radiologically impacted material at the Westlake Landfill site and the subsurface smoldering event at the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill continue to be issues of great concern to us and our constituents in the greater St. Louis community.

We appreciate the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts in addressing the immediate concern of isolating the Westlake site from the subsurface smoldering event at the Bridgeton Landfill and your efforts to keep the community informed of your efforts. However, going forward we believe that the Agency should work with the Army Corps of Engineers and its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) operations in the St. Louis area.

The St. Louis Corps' handling of similar radiologically impacted material at the St. Louis Downtown Site, the St. Louis Airport Site and Vicinity Properties, Latty Avenue, and the Madison Site has been a well-documented success. Given the Corps' expertise in this area, and the local community's faith in the Corps' FUSRAP mission, we request that the EPA consider contracting directly with the Corps to handle any and all remediation needed at the site. Additionally, we believe that it would also be beneficial for the Agency to contract with the Corps to conduct the ongoing review of the Record of Decision to determine the appropriate long-term remediation.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Claire McCaskill United States Senator

Member of Congress

United States Senator

Member of Congress

The Honorable Claire McCaskill United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable William Lacy Clay U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ann Wagner U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

## Dear Members of Congress:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2014, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, about our work at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. My EPA Region 7 colleagues and I understand your concerns about the pace of work at West Lake and take the responsibility of ensuring the health and safety of this community very seriously.

I have carefully considered your recommendation that the EPA explore working with the Army Corps of Engineers. I have recently spoken with Colonel Christopher Hall, commanding the St. Louis District of the Army Corps of Engineers, about ways in which his Corps District can assist the EPA in discharging this agency's duties at the site. As these conversations continue, I look forward to keeping you and your staff advised on the progress we are making in response to this request.

Please be assured that the EPA, working with our federal and state partners, including the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the Missouri Departments of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, continues to review the health evidence at West Lake. To date this evidence establishes that West Lake and the adjoining Bridgeton Landfill continue to be managed in a way that protects the health and safety of Missourians who live and work nearby. We also believe that the legal orders imposed by the EPA Region 7 and the State of Missouri are currently protective of the health and safety of contractor employees currently working at the site.

### OPA:SANDERS:ls:03-05-14:R7-14-000-6034-C-westlakecongressional delegation

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Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to continuing our open dialogue on this important issue. The EPA remains committed to ensuring the health and safety of the West Lake community.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-551-7006, or your staff may call LaTonya Sanders, Congressional Liaison, at 913-551-7555.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks